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1. AS IF COMMISSIONED TO SCUTTLE SINGLE-HANDED ANY  
PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS AT CAMP DAVID, AL-RAI AL-AM, WHICH  
TENDS TO MIRROR SYRIAN POLICY, HAS EDITORIALIZED CAUSTICALLY  
ABOUT CAMP DAVID AND USG INTENTIONS ON FOUR OF THE LAST  
SIX DAYS. ITS ARGUMENT IS SO WELL KNOWN NOW THAT THE PAPER  
DOES NOT EVEN NEED TO EXPLAIN ITS BASIC PREMISES, I.E. THAT  
USG HAS NO INTENTION OF OBLIGING ISRAEL TO MAKE NECESSARY  
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CONCESSIONS AND THAT CAMP DAVID SUMMIT IS SIMPLY CONTINUING  
PART OF USG PLAN TO KEEP THE ARABS DIVIDED AND WEAK. ITS  
EDITORIALS REFLECT THE COMBINATION OF BITTER, GRUDING  
RESPECT FOR ALLEGEDLY OVERWHELMING AMERICAN INFLUENCE  
IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND CONVICTION THAT USG PROTESTATIONS  
OF GOOD WILL FOR THE ARAB WORLD HAVE BEEN TRAGICALLY  
TAKEN AT FACE VALUE BY TOO MANY ARABS. "THE US INTEREST

IS TO KEEP THE ARABS WEAK, SUBJUGATED AND ROBBED. THE US KNOWS THAT WHETHER CAMP DAVID SUCCEEDS OR FAILS, AMERICA'S INTERESTS WILL BE SAFEGUARDED." (AUG. 20, AL-RAI AL-AM).

2. AL-ANBA, IN CONTRAST, CREDITS PRES. CARTER AUG. 15 WITH THE WILL TO DO HIS UTMOST TO COMPEL ISRAEL TO GIVE UP ON THE "SETTLEMENTS" ISSUE, AND TO COMPLY WITH RESOLUTION 242 BY WITHDRAWING FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, BUT THE PAPER WONDERS WHETHER THE US CAN IN FACT EXERT ENOUGH PRESSURE TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS. THE EDITORIAL CALLS ISRAELI SINCERITY INTO QUESTION. FOUR DAYS LATER AL-ANBA COMMENTS ESSENTIALLY FAVORABLY ON PRES. CARTER'S STATEMENT OF THE PREVIOUS DAY. EDITORIAL URGES USG AGAIN TO UPHOLD RESOLUTION 242, AND REMARKS THAT PRES. CARTER HAS MADE CAMP DAVID A TEST OF THE PARTIES' WILL TOWARDS PEACE.

3. AL-QABAS COMES OUT BETWEEN AL-RAI AL-AM AND AL-ANBA, BUT IS ESSENTIALLY GLOOMY. ON AUG. 15 AL-QABAS NOTES THAT BOTH OPTIMISTS AND PESSIMISTS ARE RIGHT -- BECAUSE EVEN "SUCCESS" AT CAMP DAVID WILL LEAVE THE ARAB WORLD DIVIDED. ON AUG. 17 AL-QABAS PRAISES KING HUSSEIN FOR RESISTING US EFFORTS TO GET HIM ACTIVELY TO SUPPORT THE SUMMIT, AND TWO DAYS LATER THE PAPER ANALYZES USG INTENTIONS AS GETTING THE PARTIES TO AGREE TO SOME UNCLASSIFIED

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GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR DETERMINING THE SCOPE OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT, AND THEN TO REACH A BILATERAL SETTLEMENT WHICH WOULD DESTROY CHANCES FOR A COMPREHENSIVE, GENEVA CONFERENCE. MAESTRONE

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